# ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION BULLETIN BOARD

**PROJECT NAME:** Bryson Wash Fire Emergency Stabilization Treatment

NEPA LOG NUMBER: UT-060-2006-146

FIELD Moab Field Office – UT-060

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#### **DOCUMENT TYPE:**

Categorical Exclusion (CX)		Environmental Assessment (EA)	
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)	X	Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	

PRIMARY PROGRAM (Place an X for all Programs involved):

Cultural		Watershed	
Fire/Fuel (ES&R)	X	Wild Horses	
Lands & Realty		Wildlife	
Minerals		Planning	
Range		Paleontology	
Recreation		Woodland/Forestry	
Vegetation		Other:	

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office, Moab Fire District, would conduct stabilization activities on approximately 855 acres of public land in the Harley Dome area, roughly two miles north of the I-70 corridor and three miles from the Utah/Colorado border in Grand County, Utah. The stabilization would consist of mechanical drill seeding along with the construction of temporary fencing around the burn, and would occur in the fall of 2006. Treatment would be followed by monitoring and potential re-seeding of some areas. A wildland fire moved through this area at the end of June, 2006, blackening almost 900 acres. The fire occurred primarily on flat terrain in grasslands that had been invaded by cheatgrass, halogeton, Russian thistle, and various mustards. The soils in this area are drought-intolerant, with high wind erosion potential. Because this area has experienced dust blowouts in the past, the loss of vegetative cover from the fire could have detrimental impacts to public safety during high wind events because of the proximity of the burn to the I-70 corridor.

## **LEGAL DESCRIPTION (Township, Range, and Sections):**

T. 18 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 22, 23, 26 and 27

# LOCATION DESCRIPTION / OTHER REMARKS:

The fire occurred in the Harley Dome area, approximately two miles north of the I-70

corridor and three miles west of the Utah/Colorado border.

## **COUNTY(S):**

**Grand County** 

# SPECIAL INTERESTS (Place an X for all Special Interests involved):

ACEC		Т & Е	
Critical Habitat		Visual Resources	
Cultural		Designated Wilderness/WSA	
Fire Rehabilitation	X	Wild & Scenic Rivers	
Riparian		Areas with Wilderness Characteristics	

#### STATUS OF ACTION / DATE

Initial stabilization plan submitted; DNA ongoing. 7/17/06 – DNA decision signed; ES Plan approved.

# **COMMENT PERIOD PROVIDED (Yes or No? If yes, include period dates):**

Public comments welcome but no official comment period provided due to short turnaround time of ES&R projects.

If a comment period is provided, individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.